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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT-UNION MEETING INCONCLUSIVE; CISL SECRETARIAT

EXPANDS

REFERENCE: ROME'S 9232

1. LENGTHY GOVERNMENT-UNION SUMMIT MEETING JULY 4 ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY.

PRIMIN RUMOR PRESENTED GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR ARRESTING ADVERSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. LABOR CHIEFS RESPONDED WITH LIST OF DEMANDS DESIGNED TO FOREGO UNEMPLOYMENT AND TO CLOSE LEGAL LOOPHOLES WHICH RESULT IN TAX EVASION AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SPECULATION. FEDERATION CGIL- CILS- UIL(CCU) MEETING TODAY TO EVALUATE RESULTS OF MEETING AND TO PLOT FUTURE MOVES. FURTHER MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT CONTEMPLATED.

2. CISL GENERAL COUNCIL APPROVED REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL STORTI VY BOTE OF 98 TO 0, WITH 27 ABSTENTIONS. THIS PRESUMABLY INDICATIVE OF CURRENT POWER RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MAJORITY AND MINORITY FACTIONS IN CISL GENERAL COUNCIL.

3. GENERAL COUNCIL VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF ADDING METAL WORKERS CHIEF PIERRE CARNITI AND FOOD WORKERS CHIEF ERALDO CREA TO SECRETARIAT. WITH DEPARTURE FROM SECRETARIAT OF GIANCARLO BALDINI, WHO IS TAKING ON CISL PATRONAGE JOB AT INAS, SECRETARIAT EXPANDED TO 12 MEMBERS. LEFT-LEANING EMPHASIS OF SECRETARIAT SUBSTANTIALLY INCREAS-

ED. LEANDRO TACCONI, ONLY REMAINING TRUE MINORITY MEMBER ON SECRETARIAT, FOUGHT OFF ATTEMPTS TO FORCE HIS RESIGNATION.

4. COMMENT: THOUGH MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT WAS LESS THAN SUCCESSFUL, CONSENSUS OF OUR SOURCES IS THAT ROOM WILL BE FOUND FOR COMPROMISE WHICH WILL SAVE FACE ALL AROUND. IT SEEMS QUITE CLEAR THAT, ALTHOUGH UNIONS UNHAPPY WITH LIKELY IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, THEY DO NOT WISH TO BRING GOVERNMENT DOWN. AS TO CISL DEVELOPMENTS, MANY REGARD CARNITI AS LIKELY SERIOUS RIVAL TO STORTI'S DOMINANCE. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHETHER STORTI WILL BE ABLE TO TRANSFORM CARNITI INTO HIS DISCIPLE AS HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH OTHER PUTATIVE RIVALS. VOLPE

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